The Actualization of the Two Testimonies

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The actualization of the first: and it is ***"Laa Ilaha Illa Allah"*** by singling out Allah with all acts of worship making Him the one who it is specifically for. It is also belief in everything that Allah informed us about as well as His Messenger (ﷺ) from the affair of paradise, hell fire, the books, the messengers, the last day and the pre-decree it's good and bad.

As for the actualization of the second: and it is the testimony that ***Muhammad*** (ﷺ) ***is the messenger of Allah***, then faith in him consists of belief that he is the servant and messenger of Allah and that Allah sent him to all of mankind and jinn. He called them to the Tawheed of Allah and to believe in Him. Also (from the actualization of this testimony is) following that which the messenger of Allah came with, along with the belief in all those who have come before from the messengers and prophets. Then after that (comes) the belief in the legislations of Allah, which He has legislated for His servants upon the hand of His messenger Muhammad (ﷺ), and (along with that) is taking hold to it, holding fast to it with prayer, obligatory alms, fasting, pilgrimage, jihad, and other than that.

When he (Muhammad (ﷺ) would be asked about an action by which the servant can enter into paradise because of it and be saved from the fire because of it, he would say to them, "Bear witness that ***Laa Ilaha Illa Allah and that Muhammad*** (ﷺ) ***is the Messenger of Allah***", or he might say to the person "worship Allah and do not associate anything with Him". So he would address the person with the meaning (of the testimony of faith) because the meaning of the testimony of ***Laa Ilaha Illa Allah*** is that you worship Allah alone and do not associate anything with Him. So for this in the hadeeth of Abee Huryrah (رضي الله عنه) when Jibraa'eel (عليه السلام) asked him (Muhammad (ﷺ), He said "Oh messenger of Allah inform me about al-Islam", he responded by saying "al-Islam is that you worship Allah alone and do not associate anything with Him". That which comes in the hadeeth of Umar (رضي الله عنه) he (Muhammadﷺ) said "al-Islam is that you bear witness that none is worshipped **in truth** except for Allah and that Muhammad (ﷺ) is the messenger of Allah", this explains this. Verily the meaning of ***Laa Ilaha Illa Allah*** is singling out Allah with all worship. This is (**true**) worship of Allah and the absence of the associating of partners (with Allah) along with belief in His messenger. A man

came to him (Muhammad (ﷺ) and said "Oh messenger of Allah direct me to an action that I will enter into the paradise because of it and an action that I will be saved from the fire (because of it)". The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Worship Allah and do not associate anything with Him". Then He said "and establish the prayer" to the end of the hadeeth. So the worship of Allah and the absence of associating partners with Him is the meaning of ***Laa Ilaha Illa Allah. Allah*** said:

﴿ فَٱعۡلَمۡ أَنَّهُۥ لَآ إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا ٱللَّهُ وَٱسۡتَغۡفِرۡ لِذَنۢبِكَ ﴿١٩﴾ [1]﴾

"So know (O Muhammad ﷺ) that Laa Ilaha Illa Allah (none has the right to be worshipped but Allah), and ask forgiveness for your sin"

This means that (you should) know that He (Allah) is the one entitled to all of the acts worship and that there is to be no act of worship for other than Him rather He is the true deity, the one who worship is not proper to be directed to other than Him. The rejection of the polytheist for the testimony (of faith) clarifies its meaning. That is because they only rejected it when they knew that it invalidates (the worship) of their deities and makes clear that they are upon misguidance. So as a result they rejected it and said:

أجعلَ الْآلهةَ إلٰها واحدا

"Has he made the aliha (gods) (all) into One Ilah (God – Allah)." Allah said concerning them:

﴿ إِنَّهُمۡ كَانُوٓاْ إِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمۡ لَآ إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا ٱللَّهُ يَسۡتَكۡبِرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ أَئِنَّا لَتَارِكُوٓاْ

ءَالِهَتِنَا لِشَاعِرٖ مَّجۡنُونٖ ﴿٣٦﴾ [2]﴾

"Truly, when it was said to them: La Ilaha Illa-Allah "(none has the right to be worshipped but Allah)," they puffed themselves up with pride (i.e. denied it). And (they) said: "Are we going to abandon our aliha (gods) for the sake of a mad poet?"

So they know that the testimony invalidated their deities, made clear its falsity that they are not suitable for worship because they are false and that the true deity is Allah alone glory be to Him the Most High. This is the reason why they

[1]Surah Muhammad :19
[2]Surah As-Saffat :35-36

rejected it, so because of that their worship of the idols, or the trees, or the stones, or the dead or the jinn or other than that is false worship. So therefore (it is understood) that all of the creation are owned by Allah and are His slaves and do not posses benefit nor harm, and with that being the case they are not fit for (being the objects of) worship. That is because Allah is the one who created everything and He(ﷻ) is the one who said:

﴿ وَإِلَٰهُكُمْ إِلَٰهٌ وَٰحِدٌ ۖ لَّآ إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنُ ٱلرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٦٣﴾ [3]﴾

"And your Ilah (God) is One Ilah (God – Allah), Laa laha Illa Huwa (there is none who has the right to be worshipped but He), the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful"

Allah (ﷻ) also said:

﴿ إِنَّمَآ إِلَٰهُكُمُ ٱللَّهُ ٱلَّذِى لَآ إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ وَسِعَ كُلَّ شَىْءٍ عِلْمًا ﴿٩٨﴾ [4]﴾

"Your Ilah (God) is only Allah, the One (Laa laha Illa Huwa) (none has the right to be worshipped but He). He has full knowledge of all things".

So that which is obligatory upon the one who is responsible, every believing male and female from the jinn and mankind is that they look carefully into this affair, and that a lot of attention is giving to it until it becomes apparent with him or her, and clear in front of him or her because the foundation of the Deen and its basis is the worship of Allah alone and it is the meaning of the testimony ***Laa Ilaha Illa Allah.*** Meaning nothing is worshipped in truth except for Allah. Connected to that is the belief in the messengers and the seal of them being Muhammad (ﷺ). This is a must along with their being the belief in the angels of Allah, the books of Allah, the last day, the pre-decree it's good and bad along with the belief in all which Allah and His messenger informed (the creation) about. All of that is a must in order for one's entering into al-Islam to be correct as has been clarified previously. Many of the people think that the statement of ***Laa Ilaha Illa Allah*** *or saying I bear witness that* ***Laa Ilaha Illa Allah*** suffices him no matter what he's done and this is from great ignorance. Verily it is not just words that are spoken rather it is words that have a meaning for it, and it is incumbent that it be

[3] Surah Al-Baqarah:163
[4] Surah Ta-Ha:98

actualized and that the person says it and acts upon its requirements.